

Council Minutes
January 9, 2023

Attendance: Paul Darlage, Chip Davidson, Kaylee Price, Wes Wrucke, Mary Ann Schwarz, Rick Hannon (for Stephanie Estel), Matt Hesse, Beverly Silletto, Shirley Kressin, Pastor Cook, Darren Doehrmann, Dave Walls, Jim Snyder, Shelby Schwartz

1. Welcome – Jim Snyder at 6:30pm
2. Devotions – Pastor Cook
 - Jeremiah 31:33 says “I will be their God.” We take for granted simple and short promises like this, but we ask our God to help us to meditate on this and that it may delight our soul.
3. Financial Report – Darren Doehrmann
 - For December, we budgeted a \$31k surplus and our actual deficit was \$6k driven by mistimed November payments made in December, for a deficit of \$37k compared to budget. The mistimed payments were November payments made in December, namely, the insurance payment for employees under Church-Ministerial and Church Support & School-Grade School, and the tithe under Church Tithe. Year to date, we are budgeted at a \$11k surplus, and our actual surplus is \$56k, for a surplus of \$45k compared to budget.
 - Christian Relations needs a budget in the next fiscal year – welcome center, coffee hour, etc. For the remaining fiscal year, there may be remaining funds from the directory budget.
4. Secure Cloud Software – Darren Doehrmann
 - From tech company we’ve been working with: If we want the to keep up with the current version of the accounting software that we have, we’d need a separate server to continue running it. OR get an upgraded ACS accounting system.
 - Darren’s recommendation is to get an updated ACS accounting system.
 - Network security, this is an improvement - eliminating possibility of breach on our side.
 - Cost effective – couple hundred dollars to upgrade, rather than a few thousand for a server.
 - Council approval not needed, shared for awareness. Group will continue their efforts.
5. Expectations for New Members – Jim Snyder
 - As an aside - Annual Reports to be posted on the website and newsletter in the coming days.
 - Timely start; meetings kept to an hour; promote efficiency by preparation; agenda items submitted 10 days before meeting; issues brought to the council by motioning
6. Synod Representative – Pastor Cook
 - There is an upcoming presidential election in July. Two conventions ago they switched that the president and first-vice-president are elected before the 3 year conventions. Due to the timing of the election versus the convention, desire to confirm that the lay synodical representative is the lay presidential voting delegate. Bob Schwarz is the lay synodical representative.
 - Dave Walls motions that Bob Schwarz be our representative; Paul Darlage seconds.
 - Discussion:
 - This should be brought to the upcoming assembly. Agreement within the council; to be announced and voted for.

- Do the bylaws need to be changed? No, this is different because of the timing of voting (the vote isn't at the convention), but it's the same as in the past where the two are combined.
 - Motion approved unanimously; to be brought up at the assembly.
- 7. Deputy Board Chairs – Dave Walls
 - Send to Dave so that we can confirm at Voters' Assembly. Provide contact information in the next day or two.
 - Officer installation is normally this Sunday, but scheduling for the 22nd to include deputies
- 8. Voters' Assembly January 15 – Dave Walls
 - Review of the agenda
- 9. Maintenance Issues – Matt Hesse
 - Service day for the 21st
 - Usually on the 3rd Saturday of the month, if possible
- 10. Minutes Approval Procedure – Dave Walls
 - After Shelby sends out the minutes – 5 days for review – Shelby will then motion to approve the minutes – Someone seconds – Board Members to send approvals quickly
- 11. Scholarships – Jim Snyder
 - Two students have submitted letters to the council for financial support to colleges. Darren to review how we can support them and the amount, share how much is in the accounts, and propose a fleshed-out policy for scholarship funds (must be to a synodical school and enrolling in church worker course of study).
- 12. The Lord's Prayer – Pastor Cook at 7:08pm